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contain cross-border terrorism/infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists, within the State. The counter terrorism/infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.

Repeal of AF(SP) Act, 1958

48. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to repeal the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether innocent people have been killed in the North Eastern States;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (f) The Committee constituted by Ministry of Home Affairs to review the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 as amended in 1972 has submitted its report to Ministry of Home Affairs on 6.6.2005. The recommendations of the Committee contained in its report are being examined and a decision in the matter is yet to be taken. In 2006 (upto 31 st October, 2006) 238 civilians lost theV lives in the extremist violence in the North Eastern States,